

Ψ AHS PSYCHOLOGY Course Agreement

“Minds are like parachutes, they only work when they are open”.

Content Awareness, Expected Behavior, and Permission

The very nature of a Psychology Course involves introspective efforts and some sharing. This course requires that students consider varied viewpoints and respect alternative perspectives. Pupils must attempt to remain open-minded and tolerant, allowing for fair evaluation of diverse perspectives in the belief that objectivity can help us to make better, more balanced decisions. The foundations of psychological study are based upon careful study of human behavior. Given proper application, this study can be both personally and academically rewarding as it is not merely an examination of humans in general, but also of the self.

In order to get beyond the surface of psychological study and to look at its application, many difficult, serious, and emotionally charged issues will be discussed in this course. Mature subject matter must always be handled carefully. It is not the intent of the instructor to frighten, embarrass, or alarm students, but rather to make them aware of current topics in the field including ongoing controversy relating to current and past treatments. It is expected that students will be respectful, considerate, tolerant, and patient in the process of dealing with one another and the instructor.

Occasionally, graphic clips from a movie or documentary (often including harsh language and content) may be presented in this course; this is not gratuitous, but rather adds the element of reality necessary to express the seriousness of the subject matter. Unlike required courses - this is an elective course; because of that, it is assumed that students ‘elected’ to sign up for it. Therefore, students should be willing to be cooperative and considerate in order to maintain a safe and tolerant environment for learning within the “society” of the classroom. Inappropriate, intolerant, rude, and/or offensive behavior will not be tolerated. In the hope of making this course both informative and beneficial for everyone involved, I request agreement to the terms detailed above.

I, the undersigned student, understand and agree to the aforementioned expectations required for participation in this course.

Student’s Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of said student are aware of and have agreed to the student’s participation in this course. We have discussed with the student what is expected of them within the context of this course and support the teacher in these expectations.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____